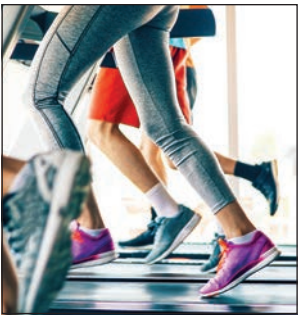


Paulo Freire gets
new executive
director

H O L Y O K E /
CHICOPEE – The Paulo
Freire Social Justice
Charter School, based
in Chicopee, announced
on Thursday the retire-
ment of its current execu-
tive director, Dr. Isabelina
Rodriguez, and the
employment of a new execu-
tive director, Gil Traverso.

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Gym re-opens at
Holyoke Mall

HOLYOKE – In accor-
dance with Massachusetts
guidelines under Phase
Three allowing gyms and
fitness centers to re-open,
Holyoke Mall welcomed
Planet Fitness back this
week. Planet Fitness rec-
ommends members wear
masks into the gym and
download their app for
the most up-to-date club
information. Visit their
Club Cleanliness page to
see how they’re Giving
Cleaning A Workout.

GYM, 6

Morse joins
‘Mayors for a
Guaranteed
Income’

HOLYOKE – Mayor
Alex Morse is joining 15
other mayors from across
the country to announce
Mayors for a Guaranteed
Income, a coalition of
mayors who will explore
cash payment programs in
their cities and advocate
for guaranteed income
programs. The found-
ing mayors of the net-
work include: Michael D.
Tubbs from Stockton, CA;
Chokwe Antar Lumumba
from Jackson, MS; Melvin
Carter from St. Paul,
MN; Ras J. Baraka from
Newark, NJ; Aja Brown
from Compton, CA; Eric
Garcetti from Los Angeles,
CA; Adrian Perkins from
Shreveport, LA; Libby
Schaaf from Oakland, CA;

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Parks begin to open up, sports restricted

By Shelby Macri
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HOLYOKE – The
Holyoke Parks and Recreation
Department held a meeting on
Thursday, July 9 where they
discussed the re-opening plan
for parks and recreational pro-
grams. However, there weren’t
enough members in attendance
for a quorum, so the meeting
didn’t involve a vote in anyway.

Board of Health Director,
Sean Gonsalves, was in atten-
dance so those board members
there had a discussion with
Gonsalves. One of the things
discussed was that some hand
washing stations were deliv-
ered and are planned for mul-
tiple parks and public areas
around town. Parks members
spoke about the gradual open-
ing of parks and how wearing
masks and being socially dis-



Parks are slowly beginning to re-open around the city. Playgrounds were previously shuttered like this one in the middle of the city.

Photo by Gregory A. Scibelli

tant is encouraged in the parks.

Though the discussion
quickly turned to the opening
of recreational sports and hav-
ing leagues participate on parks
and ref’s fields. Gonsalves
recommend the Parks and

Rec department not open or
permit leagues on the fields
unless there were a government
employee on the grounds to
enforce a limit of people and
social distancing guidelines.
Parks members agreed that

it would be hard to add that
responsibility to their sched-
ules, which lead to the ques-
tion of who stay on the grounds
during each game to enforce

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City departments still conducting business, offices open

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HOLYOKE – As Towns
continue to open, the Town
offices will be opening as well
such as Holyoke is. A list of
City Departments and their
corresponding functions was
added to the town’s website.
A few frequently request-
ed departments were the City

Clerk, Building Department,
Public Works, and the Tax
Collector.

The City Clerk, Brenna
McGee, explained that the reg-
ular availability of her office is
8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. where
the office is staffed. The staff
are working on multiple things
including online requests, reg-
istering births, deaths, and
marriages, city council work,

license renewals, dog licenses
and more.

“Several of us check email
prior to opening at 8:30 a.m.
and continue monitoring emails
throughout the evenings.”
McGee said. “We are con-
tinuously checking the office
voicemail as well.

The City Clerk office has
two staff members present
consistently, sometimes even

three members while each
work remotely. Staff rotates
for safety reasons, as all offices
are staffed from 8:30 a.m. to
4:30 p.m. As each staff member
monitors the email address the
response time are quick, so if
citizens has any questions or
concerns they can contact the
City Clerk regarding anything

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Children’s room offering bundles and ‘to-go’ crafts

HOLYOKE – The
Holyoke Public Library
Children’s Room is now offer-
ing book bundles and grab-
and-go craft kits through our
curbside pickup service. Not
sure what to read next? Check
out a book bundle - each bag
has a selection of books hand-
picked by our librarians that

we think you’ll love. The bun-
dles are available for a variety
of ages and are categorized by
theme, from fantasy to chil-
dren’s classics to learning the
ABCs.

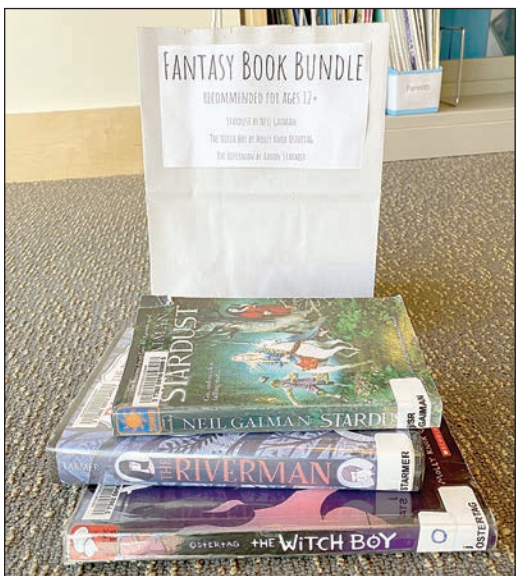
In the mood to get crafty?
The Children’s Room is giving
out free craft kits throughout
the summer. We currently have

kits available with everything
you’ll need to create sock pup-
pets or grow your own flowers.
Keep an eye out for more kits
in the future.

For more information or to
request any of these materials,
please email cpope@holyokeli-
brary.org or call the Children’s
Room at 413-420-8105.



Sock puppets are among the “to-go” crafts you can pick up at Holyoke Public Library.



Book bundles are being prepared also in the children room at the library.

Submitted photos

Mail-in voting
to be allowed
this fall

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HOLYOKE – For the
upcoming primary election a
Massachusetts Legislature has
passed a critical Safeguard for
the fall elections. Registered
voters will be mailed an appli-
cation card by July 15, asking
them if they want to participate
in mail-in voting; this will be
for the primary election and the
presidential election.

State Representative Aaron
Vega explains that those resi-
dents that want to participate
by mail-in can say so on this
card and mail it back to the city
hall. The postage is prepaid,
and those who do not want to
participate by mail-in voting
can put the card in the recy-
cling and participate in early
voting or in person voting for
September first. Early voting
will be held ten days before the

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HPS seeking family input needed for school return

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Public Schools Reopening Leadership Team is planning for a successful return-to-school this fall. We are following the guidance issued by the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, which is informed by public health and medical experts, teachers, district and school leaders, public officials and families. (Read DESE’s Initial Fall School Reopening Memo.)

Our hope is to bring every student to school every day, with the appropriate safety guidelines. We are also planning a remote option for families who are not yet ready for their child(ren) to attend school in person and a hybrid option, where students have both in-person and remote learning, if the situation requires it.

We urgently need family input to guide our planning for a successful school year 20-21. You are a critical part-

ner to ensure that we can safely meet the academic and social-emotional needs of your children, our students. Please take 5 minutes to complete this survey. Parents/caregivers are encouraged to take the survey for each child; however, if you are able to just take the survey once, please take it with all your children in mind. The survey will close on Wednesday, July 15 at 5 p.m.

We will keep you updated throughout

the summer as plans for SY20-21 continue to develop; please remember to read the weekly Reopening Leadership Team Updates that are included in the Holyoke Updates. Importantly, please keep us informed of any changes to your contact information by completing this form, and be sure that your child is up-to-date with their physical examination and all immunizations (Spanish) and their physical examination.

PVPC receives \$400,000 grant

SPRINGFIELD – The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission received a boost from the federal government July 10, with the announcement the regional agency is set to receive \$400,000 through the U.S. Department of Commerce’s Economic Development Administration.

U.S. Rep. Richard E. Neal (D-Springfield), chair of the House Ways and Means Committee, and PVPC Executive Director Kimberly H. Robinson.

This funding was made possible through the passage of the CARES Act and provides the EDA with funding for economic development assistance programs across the country to help communities prevent, prepare for, and respond to coronavirus.

“The Pioneer Valley Planning Commission continuously does great work for the 43 cities and towns in Hampden and Hampshire counties that they work with,” Neal said. “This funding

will allow them to address the needs of those communities as they rebound from the coronavirus pandemic and set a roadmap for the future to put our constituents back to work and grow the economy.”

The PVPC will use the funding to aid in their response to the unusual and compelling urgency of the coronavirus pandemic, including the support of redevelopment and revitalization initiatives in the region to diversify and strengthen the regional economy.

“Our Valley’s economy has suffered great injury over the past several months, and, just as we would treat any injury, this funding will allow us to both address our immediate needs by assessing the damage done and advancing projects that will put our residents back to work in the short-term, while also seeking to understand how we can build a more resilient economy that can withstand the uncertainties of tomorrow in the long run,” Robinson said.

Organizers cancel Homebrew Showcase amid COVID concerns

SPRINGFIELD — Paddy’s Irish Pub and Jumping Comet Brewing recently announced that the fourth annual Homebrew Showcase for All Our Kids will not take place on Aug. 1 as planned due to the coronavirus pandemic.

Organizers Blake Bryan, general manager of Paddy’s, and Chris Maza, homebrewer of Jumping Comet, felt the cancellation was the only option in the interest of public health and social distancing.

“In all of our conversations and planning, the health and wellbeing of the community was the number one concern both Blake and myself,” Maza said. “Given the nature of the space at Paddy’s and the growing popularity of the event, we felt the challenges and risks associated with putting on the Showcase were too great and cancellation was the only responsible course of action. We appreciate all of the interest and support we have received, especially from Paddy’s ownership, and plan to return next year with the best Homebrew Showcase for All Our Kids yet.”

Over the past three years, the Homebrew Showcase raised more than \$7,500 for organizations supporting children in the foster care system through the

Department of Children and Families and the families who care for them, including more than \$5,700 for All Our Kids, Inc. the last two years. The event features some of the area’s best homebrewers as well as raffles and the opportunity to learn about All Our Kids and its mission.

All Our Kids, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) regional nonprofit, founded in 2017 to strengthen the sense of community among foster and adoptive families in Western Massachusetts, engage the public in supporting these families, and raise awareness about the needs of children in foster care.

According to DCF’s fiscal year 2020 third-quarter report, as of March 31, more than 8,600 children were in placements statewide, served by 31 offices including the central office. Nearly 2,000 of those were in the four counties of Western Massachusetts, which is serviced by five regional offices.

“While the Homebrew Showcase is on hiatus, the work of All Our Kids never stops. Blake and I encourage everyone to continue to support their efforts in any way they can,” Maza said.

To learn more about All Our Kids, Inc., visit <http://fosteringaok.org/> or “Like” them on Facebook.

House passes supplemental budget for CARES Act funding

BOSTON – State Rep. Brian Ashe (D-Longmeadow), who represents Hampden in the Statehouse, along with his colleagues in the House of Representatives, passed a supplemental budget to facilitate federal CARES Act funding to reimburse communities affected by COVID-19.

The spending measure follows the April passage in Congress of the federal CARES Act, which requires states to expend funds on items related to COVID-19 for federal reimbursement. The supplemental budget directs funds to address vital needs including for personal protective equipment, field hospitals and contact tracing.

The bill also establishes Juneteenth Independence Day on June 19 in Massachusetts, marking the day in 1865 when the enslaved people of Galveston, Texas, learned they were free.

“By passing this supplemental budget, we are continuing to help relieve the financial burden our residents and municipalities have experienced due to the COVID-19 pandemic,” Ashe said “It will allow us access to federal funds for

PPE, childcare support and other critical services. I am grateful we, as a legislative body, were able to work together during this difficult time and address the most critical needs of our districts. I would also like to thank my fellow legislator, Representative Bud Williams, and the Black and Latino Caucus for their leadership in making Juneteenth an official state holiday as it marks an important moment in history for the African American community.”

Included in the spending bill is \$350 million for PPE costs, \$139 million for increased rate add-ons to congregate care providers, \$94 million for incentive pay for human services employees, \$85 million for field hospitals and shelters, \$44 million for the Community Tracing Collaborative, and \$81.6 million for child care needs during the pandemic and reopening. Additionally, \$500,000 is included to create an Early Education and Care Public-Private Trust Fund to foster philanthropic efforts in support of child care providers.

The bill now moves to the Senate for consideration.

Career coach to discuss transitioning in uncertainty

WILBRAHAM – Those considering a change in career are invited to participate in a remote workshop with a certified career coach through the Wilbraham Public Library next month.

Led by Anne Crawford, the workshop will take place Wednesday, Aug. 5 at 6 p.m. Crawford will help engage participants to talk about their career

objectives, set goals and how to foster a sense of control while looking for a new job. She will discuss how to understand and manage stress as well as how to open doors to other options, moving the employment process forward.

Registration is required and may be completed online at wilbrahamlibrary.org or by calling 596-6141.

Rick’s Place to offer free grief support

WILBRAHAM – Children and families who have experienced the loss of a loved one are invited to participate in virtual peer groups to take place in late August, facilitated by the nonprofit Rick’s Place. The peer groups are designed for children, teens and their caregivers.

Rick’s Place, named for Rick

Thorpe, a Wilbraham native and Minnechaug Regional High School graduate who died in the Tower Two collapse of the World Trade Center on 9/11, offers peer-supported bereavement services for children who have experienced death. For more information or to schedule a virtual intake meeting, visit ricksplacema.org or call 413-279-2010.

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they may need that falls in the scope of their office. The office can be reached by phone at 413-322-5520 and by email at clerks@holyoke.org

Another office that has been frequently asked about was the Tax Collector, there is someone in the office Monday through Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. as well. The office is available by phone and email, such as must departments during this time.

“Right now citizens can call or email to connect with us, and if necessary set up an appointment to come in, but that is very limited.” Tax Collector Kate

Jackowski said. “The best way to reach me directly is via email.”

During the pandemic earlier in the year, many tax bills were delayed for payment. Holyoke did accept the state changes allowed for the FY2020 fourth quarter bills and the first round of 2020 excise bills. The due date for those bills was extended to June 1, 2020 and the bills could be paid without interest or late fees through June 29, 2020.

“We are now back to our normal billing cycle, so first quarter 2021 bills were mailed out July 1, and are due August 3, 2020.” Jackowski said. “Bills will continue as normal until the state decides to provide us with more leeway

like they did with quarter four.”

For those citizens that can’t make payments yet, they can contact the Tax Collector and explain their individual circumstance so she is able to work with them to waive late fees, and help anyone to catch up on payments when they have the ability. This will be on an individual basis and residents will need to talk to Jackowski to show that they’re making every effort to pay what they can. This compromise will be for new bills only as the previous bills this year were already given extensions and waivers.

Though the office is not open to the public yet, there are many ways to pay bills without going to the office in per-

son.

“All bills mailed out, you can send to our lockbox address printed on the bill to pay, or you can drop off your payment - please no cash - to our conveniently located drop box right outside the back deck entrance of city hall.” Jackowski said. “Finally, you can pay any tax bill or parking ticket online.”

For current excise, real estate, or personal property people can go to <https://epay.cityhallsystems.com/selection> and for old excise, and parking tickets people can go to <https://www.kelley-ryan.com/epay/> For more information and to speak to specific department, people can call City Hall at 413-322-5520.

Coalition calls on state to address federal inspections

HOLYOKE – The Holyoke Soldiers’ Home Coalition today noted three important developments in its advocacy for much-needed staffing and capital improvements in support of Veterans who reside at the state-run facility.

The first development is the release through the Freedom of Information Act of federal inspections of the Soldiers’ Home that document serious findings of neglect of Veterans at the Home, from staffing shortages to inadequate room size. These findings were reported by Kathy Curran of WCVB Channel 5 in Boston, and the Coalition calls on the General Court’s Joint Committee on Veterans & Federal Affairs to immediately review these findings in its deliberations over Senate Bill 2788, the proposed act to improve the governance of the Soldiers’ Home, filed by Governor Charlie Baker.

The second development is the passage of a resolution this weekend by the Department of Massachusetts, Veterans of Foreign Wars, in support of Coalition efforts to call on Governor Baker and the Legislature to take immediate action

to increase funding to ensure sufficient staff, equipment and supplies to provide safe care at the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke. The resolution supports the Coalition’s appeal to the state to expedite the design of a new Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke. The design would allow for the construction of fully compliant rooms for 250 Veterans, including a toilet and shower in each bedroom and supports the Coalition’s advocacy for an Adult Day Health Care program at the Home.

The Massachusetts VFW furthermore agrees with the Coalition that the

state must meet the VA project submission dates of April 15, 2021 for these projects be eligible for consideration for the 65% reimbursement grant from the VA.

“We cannot continue to wait for the Baker-Polito Administration to further analyze, study, deliberate and otherwise delay what it should have done years ago in supporting significant improvements to the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke,” said a statement today by the Coalition. “There is no doubt that the findings as reported by WCVB contributed to the inadequate and unsafe conditions

at the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke that resulted in the deaths of 76 Veterans to COVID-19. Enough is enough. The state must act now on significant and major improvements and not continue to take a band-aid approach that continues to place Veterans in Holyoke in terrible conditions.”

The third development is testimony on Tuesday, July 14 before the Joint Veterans and Federal Affairs Committee

Coalition members Paul Barabani, former superintendent of the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke; John Paradis, former deputy superintendent; Delfo Barabani, president of the Western Massachusetts Chapter 111 of the Vietnam Veterans of America, will speak out in opposition to Senate Bill 2788 during testimony to the committee.

Coalition members will be conducting a Stand Out at the State House in Boston to call attention to our demands for a major investment for the future of the Soldiers’ Home in Holyoke. Coalition members will be near the steps of the State House from approximately 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.



Baystate offering virtual classes for pregnant women

SPRINGFIELD – Safety is a priority at Baystate Health and in the current age of COVID-19, Baystate Medical Center’s Parent Education Department has begun to offer virtual classes for pregnant women.

Virtual (WebEx) Childbirth Education Bundle includes four, two-hour sessions held live with a parent education instructor that can be taken from one’s own living room. Learn in a virtual classroom while having questions answered in real time. Classes held on July 21, 23, 28 and 30 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$165.

Basics-Breathing, Massage and Positions for Labor Virtual Class will teach helpful breathing patterns, massage and relaxation techniques and a variety of comfort positions useful during labor. It is ideal for those looking to have a natural birth or as a refresher class for those having a second baby. Aug. 12 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$25.

The Online Preparation for Childbirth class may be ideal for those

who enjoy learning on their own and at their own pace. It is great for expectant parents who can’t attend an on-site childbirth class due to work schedules, time constraints, or medical conditions. The eight-chapter program will help participants to understand pregnancy such as what is happening to the body, discomforts, warning signs, nutrition, exercise, and more; learn about labor including preparing for birth, pre-labor signs, onset of labor, 3D animation of labor process, and mor. Cost is \$80.

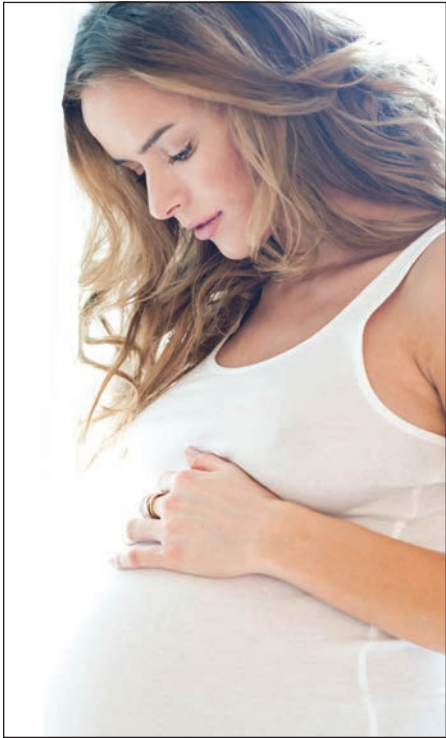
Keeping Baby Safe – This virtual class teaches parents how to keep their baby safe including infant CPR, first aid for choking, poison prevention, baby-proofing the home, and car seat safety. Class on Aug. 4 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$40.

The Virtual Prenatal Yoga class will use postures, breathing techniques and meditation to help ease pregnancy aches. It will prepare one’s body for delivery and improve chances for a smoother recovery. Class on July 20. Cost is \$12.

The Virtual (WebEx) Infant Care Class covers creating and maintaining a loving bond, diapering and bathing, taking baby’s temperature, comforting techniques, infant feeding cues, sleep patterns, normal infant appearance and behavior, and when to call the physician. Class on July 23 from 6-8 p.m. Cost is \$35

Virtual Postnatal Newborn Behavior and Feeding – Taken after delivery, this class provides support for new parents and provides information on newborn behavior in the first few weeks of an infant’s life. Participants will learn about feeding cues for breast and bottle feeding, infant sleep patterns, comforting a crying infant, returning to work, support for breastfeeding moms, pumping techniques and storage of breast milk. Class offered in the WebEx meeting platform on Aug. 11. Free.

For more information, visit www.baystatehealth.org/parented or call the Parent Education Department at 413-794-5515.



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Dr. Rodriguez, who served as chief academic officer for the Connecticut Department of Education and superintendent of schools in Northampton and Granby, before taking the reins at the PFSJCS in 2017, provided leadership that saw the state Department of Elementary and Secondary Education extend the school’s charter for an additional five years. She also was able to relocate the school to the former Pope Francis School on Springfield Street in Chicopee when the lease expired on the building the school occupied in Holyoke. The school, founded in 2013, serves grades 9-12, drawing students from Holyoke, West Springfield, S. Hadley, and Chicopee. It features a dual enrollment program with Holyoke Community College and has seen scores of graduates go on to prestigious colleges and universities.

Dr. Rodriguez, of Springfield, is retiring after 35 years as an educator.

The Board of Trustees of the school recently commended Dr. Rodriguez and the entire school staff for “outstanding service to the students and families of Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School during the crisis caused by the Coronavirus pandemic.” School faculty and staff reached out to every student and their families to make sure they had all

they needed to continue their education during the state of emergency that closed the school.

“We were very fortunate to have the leadership of Dr. Rodriguez during these critical years in the life of the school. She has prepared the school for a very successful future,” said Kevin J. Dumpson, president of the school’s Board of Trustees. “And we are also fortunate to find such a talented and proven educational leader and innovator as Gil Traverso to take the school to a new level.”

Traverso served as principal of Putnam Academy in Springfield from 2010 to 2014, bringing a troubled school to the status of being voted best high school in Western Massachusetts for four consecutive years. Afterwards, he served as regional high school principal on Martha’s Vineyard. From there, he became assistant superintendent and director of instruction for the New Haven, Connecticut School District where he supervised instruction at 13 high schools. For the past two years, he has worked as an independent consultant and leadership trainer in Massachusetts, Connecticut, and the Dominican Republic. He is co-chair of the New Haven, CT Latino Council. He has also served as a trainer in cultural competency for the Anti-Defamation League.

Traverso holds a BS in education

from Southern Illinois University, and an MS in educational leadership, as well as completion of the CAGS or 6th year in educational leadership at Central Connecticut State University. He holds superintendent certification in both Massachusetts and Connecticut.

In a message to the school community, Traverso said, “It is an honor to be given this opportunity. Dr. Rodriguez and the current staff and stakeholders of PFSJCS have been diligent in creating a strong school community and foundation for learning. As the next executive director, I look forward to supporting and enhancing the mission of PFSJCS.”

He added, “Today, there is a critical need for change. The role that social justice plays is essential in shaping the future landscape for our students, staff, communities and country. Aligned to the existing work, I will continue to support our staff and students by enhancing opportunities, impacting advocacy and unlocking institutional barriers to equity and quality educational experiences.

I look forward to working with the entire school community and encourage you to offer your support as we work together in creating a great educational institution and tradition.”

In her resignation address to the Board of Trustees, Dr. Rodriguez said, “The decision to retire has been a long difficult one, as I have grown to love our

Paulo Freire family. Holding the position of PFSJCS executive director has resonated with my spirit and soul. It has been a true pleasure and honor to represent the PFSJC community and shepherd the school through the difficult paths of probation and into our new home here in Chicopee.”

She continued, “I will miss the family of individuals that I have had the honor of getting to know. You have heard me say, and will continue to hear me say, I am daily in awe with our staff members and students. Everything we do, we do for our scholars. I genuinely believe we have the best staff and students around; they are the stars of our school. Thank you for the opportunity to serve all of you these past three years.”

Board of Trustees member and chair of the Search Committee Dr. Kelly Hart, commented on the search for a new executive director, “We were pleased to see a strong pool of applicants. The finalists met with a variety of stakeholder groups including students, parents, teachers, board members, and staff. These virtual meetings were nice opportunities to learn more about the finalists and their vision for the Paulo Freire Social Justice Charter School.”

Traverso will begin his position with the school on July 1, overlapping for several weeks of transition with Dr. Rodriguez.

Editorial

The sites, scenes of a car wash

By Joan E. B. Coombs
Guest Columnist



The earliest home site and scene of a car wash is when a toddler picks up a sponge, dips it in a bucket and helps wash the family car. When a parent holds the hose, spraying the car and kids – the work of a car wash becomes fun.

Yet, it seems that past Saturday chore times are being wrung out.

Another popular site and scene is a fund-raising car wash. These often charitable, labor-intensive work efforts benefit and bless countless organizations for worthy causes. But, before that event happens, hours of preliminary work takes place: organizing volunteers, finding a good traffic spot with available water outlets, publicity, buying cleaning supplies, welcoming cars, ushering vehicles through the car wash brigade and then afterward, the all-important cleanup.

Other common sites, scenes and sounds of car wash businesses are in nearly every town and definitely in all cities complete with automated car wash systems and helpful operators. Vehicles glide through multiple sprays. Huge-fettuccini-like sponges swath soap. Minutes later: a royal rinse. Seconds later: a mammoth blow-dry. Next: your vehicle slides out of the tunnel sparkling clean.

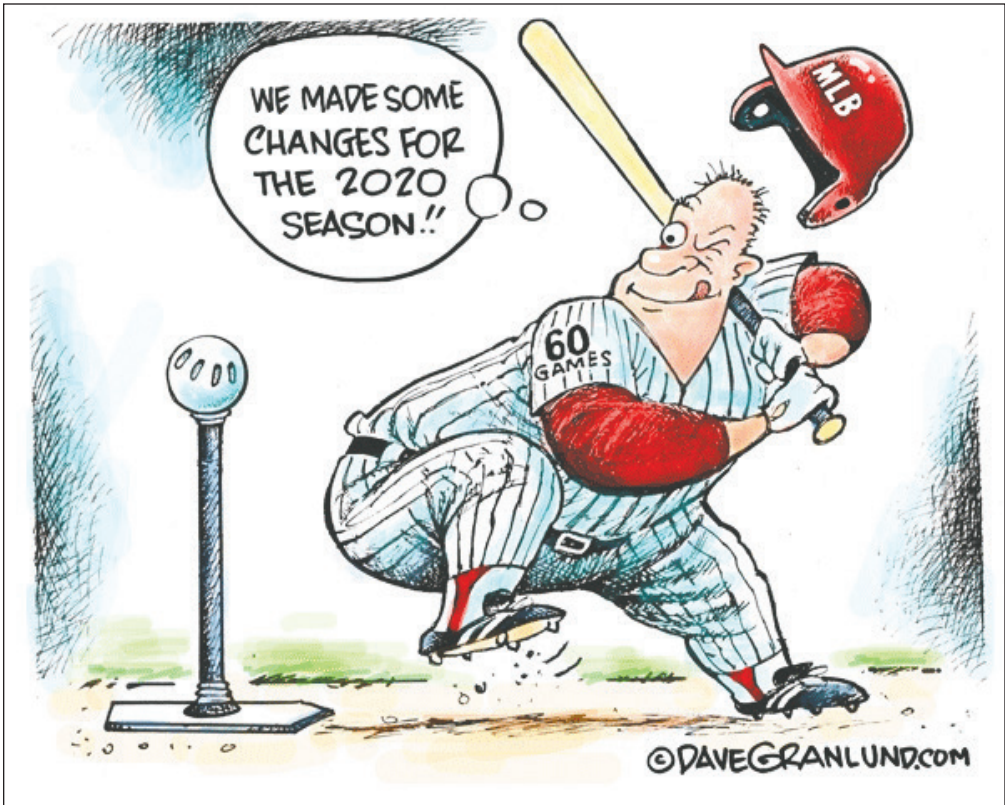
The earliest industrial, car wash site and scene began in Detroit, Michigan in 1914, where the first cars were pushed through a garage and hand washed. That car washing idea became so popular that within decades more businesses opened up. Over the years more developments: automatic conveyor-belt systems, soap sprayers, brushes and powerful blow dryers, and even car wax options.

Back on a local level, every time we glide through an automatic car wash – especially when fettuccini-like sponges are washing the windshield and side windows – a unique car washing memory surfaces.

It happened years ago. After taking a dear, deaf senior friend on errands, I told her that I'd like to get my car washed. Although we often communicated through writing, this time "Car. Wash" seemed easy to explain. So with my limited sign language ability I signed: "Car. Wash." (I tried hand washing gestures for wash and steering wheel motions to show driving.) She nodded her head in approval. And, as always she appeared eager to learn something new.

Sitting beside me in the front seat, she enjoyed every moment. Surprised! Delighted! Amazed at sponges, soaps, water streams, and

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Poetry Corner

Beyond Paradox – Too Many – Lost Millineums

By Thomas J. Kennedy

*We hear loud shouting
Can't even make a sentence
Tell this spoiled generation
Awareness is not knowledge
And knowledge is not wisdom.*

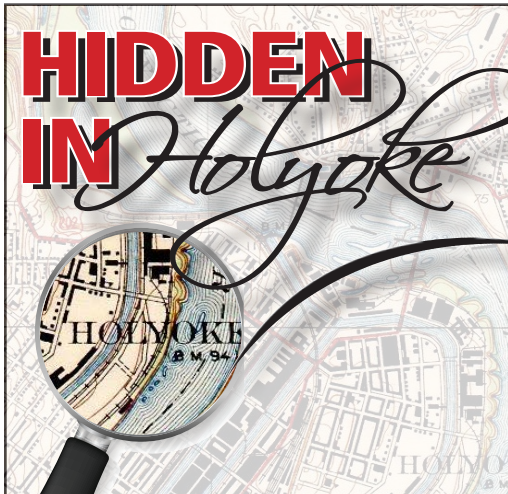
*You grew up with little moral values – victims.
You have little historical background,
You are over-visualized.
Too much staring down at electronic cheaters.
A little bit, technicalized – lessened ethics, manners and courtesies.*

*Poor parenting, self-absorbed. Easily led.
So you need to do something after virus.
Sleep all day, out from suburbia at night.
Destroy anything, who gives you the right.
You didn't pay for those statues,
How can you judge what some are born into –
Or the environment at that time.*

*What great men (President Kennedy, brother Robert,
Medgar Evers and Doctor King)
Their sacrifice gave you your freedom.
And you misuse and abuse it,
With dishonesty and disrespect.*

*Wake up – see beauty and love and Art.
Get down on your knees and thank God above.*

*Oh yeah! Your selfish behavior, rationalize beyond...
More little children hitting the ground.
Innocence and life gone – only three.
She is gone to her eternity.
And your disgusted behavior – full responsibility.*



Last week's
"Hidden in Holyoke"
was Mackenzie Stadium's
sponsors during
Blue Sox season.

Each week, *The Holyoke Sun* will feature a photo of a distinctive place, landmark, sculpture, sign or other recognizable object located somewhere in the city.

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Zucchini, zucchini and more zucchini

Today, the girls and I made a double batch of zucchini bread. This treat signals that summer is at its peak and so is the zucchini harvest! I usually think that if I make four loaves, two can go in the freezer. Typically, however, we devour the bread so fast it doesn't seem logical freeze any for later use when we can enjoy it now. I am hoping for a typical abundant harvest. Here is how to deal with lots and lots of this versatile vegetable.

Store it. Zucchini will keep in the refrigerator for at least one week. Smaller squashes are more flavorful, and less seedy than their overgrown counterparts. Harvest when the fruits are six inches long or less, and still narrow. It is likely that baseball bat-sized squashes will develop now and then, especially if you are away from the garden for a few days. Don't worry; they can be used in most recipes that call for zucchini, although you may wish to remove the largest seeds first as they have a tendency to get tough and chewy.

Freeze it. Simply shred whole zucchinis, skin and all. Drain in a colander to remove excess liquid and pack in containers or freezer bags. Nothing beats zucchini bread in the middle of winter. It is helpful to freeze in amounts compatible with your recipe; in other words if you need two cups to make bread, freeze in two cup portions.

If fried veggies are a favorite treat, you can freeze raw, peeled zucchini sections after coating them with bread crumbs. First, freeze them on a plate or cookie sheet, then, pack in freezer bags with as much air removed as possible. Fry up at a later date. I have never been very successful freezing blanched zuc-

chini slices. Experiment yourself and maybe you will have better luck.

Steam it. Who likes soggy zucchini? No one. Cut in slices one quarter of an inch thick and steam for a mere two or three minutes. Sprinkle with dill or lemon juice and thyme for a wonderful summer side dish. One trick I have found to prevent sogginess is to dump out your steaming water then let the zucchini sit on the hot pan for a bit before eating.

Stuff it. Here is the perfect use for the aforementioned baseball bat-sized quash. Making zucchini boats are my sister-in-law Janice's favorite way to utilize the vegetable. I can always count on her to take a few biggies off my hands. With a spoon hollow out the seed cavity. Stuff



it with a mixture of cooked rice, sauce and ground beef or turkey. Top with shredded cheese and bake until it bubbles. Yummy! Put a Mexican spin on this recipe by using black beans, salsa and taco cheese along with brown rice in place of the other ingredients. Freeze individual portions of this dish for a quick dinner.

Bake with it. Zucchini bread and muffins are one thing, but double chocolate zucchini cake? Yes, and there are more enticing dessert recipes where that came from. Consult your local library or the internet for other mouth-watering selections. One pointer: drain shredded zucchini well before using in any recipe. Place it in a colander and apply pressure with clean hands or



a large mixing spoon. Squeeze all the liquid right out of it. This way your deserts will be moist, but not soggy.

Roberta McQuaid graduated from the Stockbridge School of Agriculture at the University of Massachusetts. For the last 28 years, she has held the position of staff horticulturalist at Old Sturbridge Village. She enjoys growing food as well as flowers. Have a question for her? Email it to ekennedy@turley.com with "Gardening Question" in the subject line.

CAR WASH, from page 4

a vibrating blow dry! As my little car glided along, we giggled like young girls in a pool of puddles.

But, the most unusual car wash episode thankfully has not happened. Well, not yet.

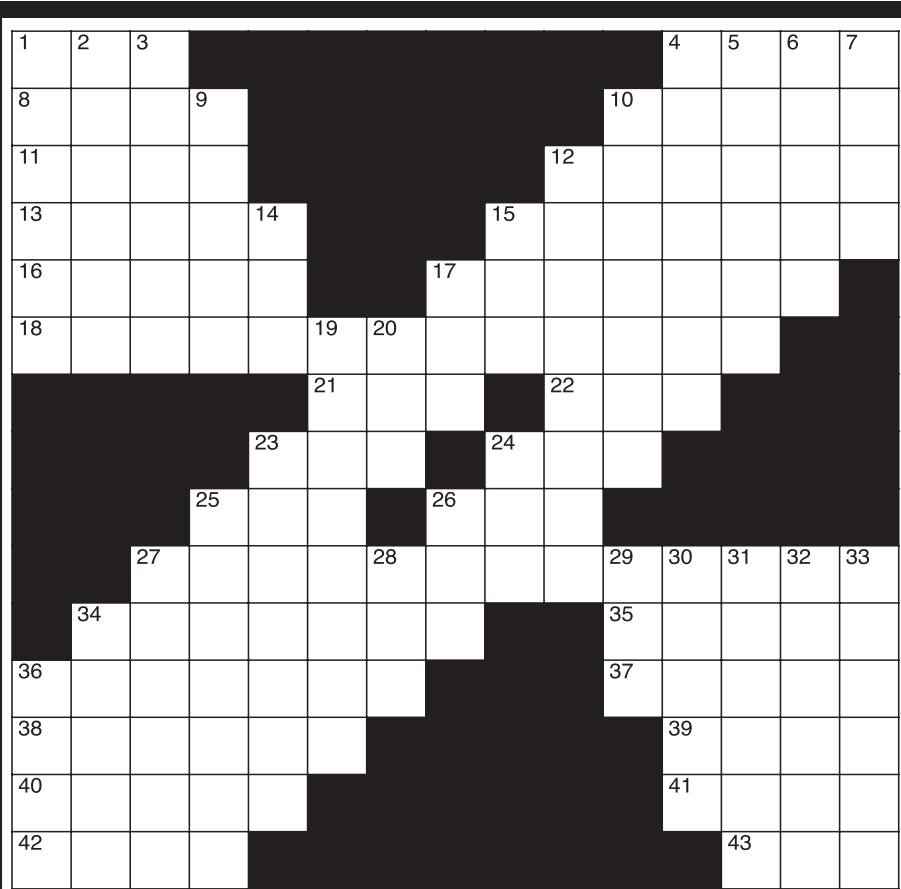
After going through a local, fully automated car wash recently, the conversation flowed something like this:

"The car looks so much better! The green pollen that was all over the windshield is gone!" said The Hub.

"Great. And, every time we go through a car wash, I remember how Janie liked it."

"Great memories! 'Been thinkin'... Maybe on the next hot, humid day - if we dressed for the occasion - we could open the car windows ..."

Roof-raising laughter exploded at such an improbable thought. But the imagined shower, shampoo and massive blow dry was absolutely hilarious. And, thus an imagined car wash scenario inspired the sites and scenes of a car wash.



CLUES ACROSS

- 1. Sound unit
- 4. Trim by cutting
- 8. Small buffalo
- 10. Ancient manuscript
- 11. Look angry or sullen
- 12. Glum
- 13. Northern Zambia peoples
- 15. Central
- 16. Collector of birds' eggs
- 17. Misbehavior
- 18. Top of the line
- 21. Political action committee
- 22. Have already done
- 23. Al Bundy's wife
- 24. Entertainment channel

CLUES DOWN

- 25. Holiday (informal)
- 26. The common gibbon
- 27. Legendary actress
- 34. Seasoned sausages
- 35. Bluish greens
- 36. Ridiculed
- 37. Three-dimensional arrangement
- 38. Emerged
- 39. Type of protein
- 40. Denmark natives
- 41. Leak slowly through
- 42. Expression of sorrow or pity
- 43. Midway between south and southeast

CLUES DOWN

- 1. Artistic dancing
- 2. Plenty
- 3. Act leisurely
- 4. Serve as a warning
- 5. Admired lovingly
- 6. Leftover oil from distillation process
- 7. Company officer
- 9. Egyptian unit of capacity
- 10. One transmits information
- 12. Middle layer of an embryo
- 14. Form of "to be"
- 15. Cairo Regional Airport
- 17. Partner to cheese
- 19. Sample

- 20. A shirt may have none
- 23. Public gatherings
- 24. Disallow
- 25. Overnight suitcases
- 26. French river
- 27. Where boats dock
- 28. Top of a pot
- 29. Type of drug
- 30. City along the Rhine
- 31. Animal disease
- 32. They go in martinis
- 33. A way to break away
- 34. Intermediate ecological stage
- 36. Baby term for father

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Invitation for Public Comments

Holyoke Community College (HCC) will undergo a comprehensive evaluation visit October 4-7, 2020, by a team representing the New England Commission of Higher Education (formerly the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education of the New England Association of Schools and Colleges, NEASC).

The New England Commission of Higher Education is one of seven accrediting commissions in the United States that provide institutional accreditation on a regional basis. Accreditation is voluntary and applies to the institution as a whole. The Commission, which is recognized by the U.S. Department of Education, accredits approximately 220 institutions in the six-state New England region as well as several American-style institutions overseas.

Holyoke Community College has been accredited by the Commission since 1990 and its last comprehensive review was in 2010. Its accreditation by the Commission encompasses the entire institution.

For the past year and a half, Holyoke Community College has been engaged in a process of self-study, addressing the Commission's Standards for Accreditation. An evaluation team will visit HCC to gather evidence that the self-study is thorough and accurate. The team will recommend to the Commission a continuing status for the college. Following a review process, the Commission itself will take the final action.

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the institution to:
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3 Burlington Woods Drive, Suite 100
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Public Comments must be received by October 7, 2020. The Commission cannot guarantee that comments received after that date will be considered.

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GYM, from page 1

Holyoke Mall continues to welcome back other tenants, as well. Monday saw the highly anticipated reopening of Victoria's Secret. Other recent openings include FYE, GameStop, Lenscrafters, LOFT, PacSun, Sephora and Xfinity. With the majority of the shopping center reopened, this week Holyoke Mall will welcome back Build A Bear Workshop

on Friday and All In Adventures escape room on Saturday. A complete list of stores and restaurants that are open can be found here.

"While the safety of our guests, tenants and employees is our top priority at the center, shoppers are coming back out, enjoying a bit of normalcy and taking advantage of the great clearance sales stores have to offer" said Lisa Wray, Marketing Director for Holyoke Mall.

"Stores have merchandise to move and a list of their incredible offers can be found at our website."

Several stores and restaurants will continue to offer curbside pick-up. A complete list can be found at Curbside@Holyoke.

Mall hours of operation are Monday through Saturday, from 11:00 am to 7:00 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am – 6:00 pm.

All visitors to Holyoke Mall are reminded to wear a mask and follow our new Healthy Shopper Guidelines.



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MAYORS, from page 1

Victoria R. Woodards from Tacoma, WA; Stephen Benjamin from Columbia, SC and Keisha Lance Bottoms from Atlanta, Georgia.

When Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called for the immediate abolition of poverty, he had an economic dream of guaranteed income for all Americans. More than 50 years later and against a similar backdrop of civil unrest, Mayor Morse is joining this coalition of mayors to bring that dream to life.

In the US, wealth and income inequality have reached historic highs. Nearly 40 percent of Americans cannot afford a single \$400 emergency, and rising income inequality is compounded by a growing racial wealth gap. The median white worker made 28 percent more than the typical Black worker and 35 percent more than the median Latinx worker in the last quarter of 2019, and the median wealth of white families is more than \$100,000 while the median wealth of Black families is approximately \$10,000. COVID-19 has further exposed the economic fragility of most American households, and has disproportionately impacted Black and brown people.

In Holyoke and throughout the Pioneer Valley, thousands of residents have lost their jobs and are relying on unemployment insurance to make ends meet. Hundreds have been hit with surprise medical bills, and the exorbitant cost of prescription medication, forced to choose between paying for medication or paying their rent.

A guaranteed income is a monthly cash payment given directly to individuals, empowering recipients to address their most urgent needs and providing a cushion for unpredictable expenses, external shocks, and volatility. It is unconditional, and is meant to supplement, rather than replace, the existing social safety net.

"We are in the middle of the greatest economic and technological trans-

formation in the history of our country, yet millions of families continue to be left behind by an antiquated and unjust economic system. A guaranteed income is critical for combating poverty and is a building block for stronger communities, said Mayor Morse. "I'm proud to be among a leading group of Mayors across the country advocating for, and implementing, guaranteed income pilots, and I look forward to working with the organization on piloting a Guaranteed Income in Holyoke."

Mayors for a Guaranteed Income is founded in partnership with the Economic Security Project, and recently received \$3M in initial funding from Jack Dorsey, Founder and CEO of Twitter. The coalition is also announcing a new partnership with What Works Cities, a Bloomberg Philanthropies initiative, to elevate lessons learned and expand best practices to additional cities across the country.

A resolution in support of guaranteed income was just approved by the United States Conference of Mayors. The resolution calls for the advancement of the following principles:

Advocate for a guaranteed income at the local, state, and federal level.

Invest in narrative change efforts to highlight the lived experiences of economic insecurity.

Invite all cities to join this effort, and provide technical assistance and funding support for new pilots.

The USCM resolution (full text linked here), which was adopted on June 30 at the organization's 88th annual meeting in Washington, D.C., encourages guaranteed income as a solution to economic insecurity, inequality, and poverty. A guaranteed income is a monthly cash payment given directly to individuals, empowering recipients to address their most urgent needs and providing a cushion for unpredictable expenses, external shocks, and volatility. It is unconditional, and is meant to supplement, rather than replace, the existing social safety net.

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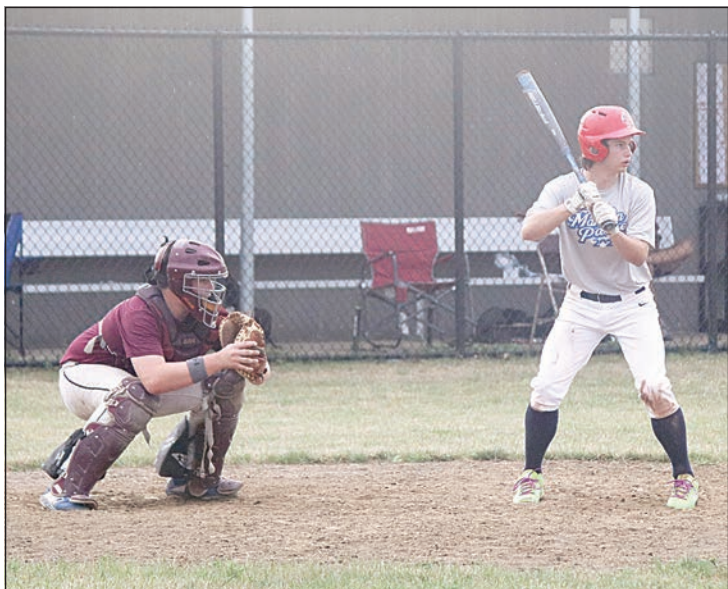
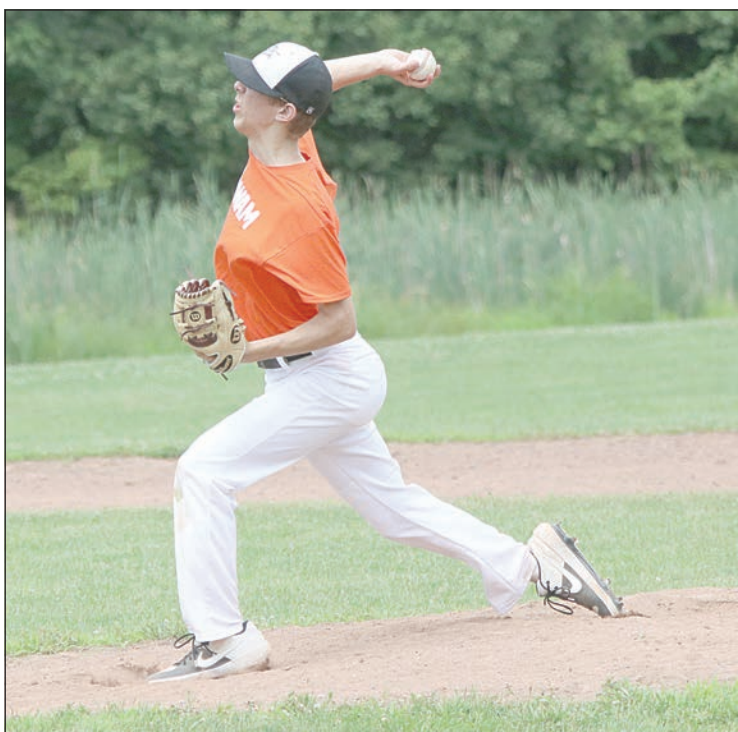
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High school among first sports action

REGION – While the American Legion chose not to sponsor any type of season this summer due to the coronavirus pandemic, the players and coaches started a league amongst themselves, with junior and senior league action beginning last week with the start of Phase 3. The seasons is set to go through to mid-August.

Left, Monson/Palmer runner Trey Yesu takes a lead off second base. Center, one of Agawam's junior league pitchers hurls Sunday afternoon. Far right, a Wilbraham player makes a play at shortstop.

Submitted photos



Ware's Cam Balicki plays for the Palmer/Monson high school senior league team.



Baseball action is back among high-school age students beginning last week.

Governor's guidance guts summer sports

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – A huge blow was dealt to many summer leagues that were looking forward to getting out on the field and participating in games after guidance released from the state effectively cancelled them.

The Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League and Spec Pond Summer Basketball League were both the most adversely affected by the state's guidelines and restrictions the summer seasons are now cancelled for hundreds of kids across the region.

The guidance came as a surprise for the leagues as both were preparing to be able to have games once Phase 3 was set to begin.

Brian Litz, who runs the Spec Pond Summer Basketball

League, had updated the league website, received team registrations, collected money, and established a full schedule. He was preparing for games to begin last Monday, July 6, when the guidance came down from the state barring soccer and basketball contests as well as lacrosse.

Gov. Charlie Baker's administration stated the three sports involved contact that was too close and too frequent to effectively prevent the spread of coronavirus.

While young people are not among the most high-risk population, they have the ability to carry and spread the virus among themselves, which could then spread to other homes and infect older people.

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Golf makes a return with Amateur Championship

MARION - MATTAPOISETT – When the 112th Massachusetts Amateur Championship began Monday, it was a symbol of triumph and perseverance for Mass Golf and the state's golf community at large.

The five days of competition will mark the first live statewide championship sporting event that will take place in the Bay State during the COVID-19 pandemic. Though several spring events and competitions have had to be rescheduled or canceled this year, the Mass Amateur is still taking place as scheduled. Hosting this historic event will be The Kittansett Club in Marion, with The

Bay Club at Mattapoisett co-hosting stroke play for the first two days.

"We could not be more excited to have the ability to begin our championship season," said Jesse Menachem, Mass Golf's executive director/CEO. "For all the uncertainty that has come with this year, next week we'll surely be a celebration of the fantastic golf talent we have across the Bay State. Both golf courses have done an excellent job preparing so that golfers compete to the best of their abilities and enjoy themselves."

Both golf courses are located along on the

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The Spec Pond Summer Basketball League had to be cancelled due to the pandemic. The governor's administration felt basketball involved too close contact to be allowed at this time.

File photo

Greenslit takes Street Stock Battle for the Belt victory

By Gary Dutton

WINCHESTER, N.H. – Ben Byrne (Deerfield, Ma) stormed to his second NHSTRA Modified victory of the summer Saturday, July 11, at Monadnock Speedway, topping a stout 21-car field at the storied quarter-mile oval.

With a huge crowd filling the social-distance-spaced grandstands to take in the night’s huge fireworks display and six exciting divisions of racing at the high-banked speedplant, nobody went home disappointed. Except, maybe, Todd Patnode and Chris Davis.

Dave Greenslit (Langdon, NH) made easy work of winning the Street Stock Battle of The Belt series 50-lapper, LMS superstar Aaron Fellows (Croydon, NH) stayed undefeated on the world, while Pure Stocker Dave Aiken (Claremont, NH) earned his second victory lap of the summer, and Tim Leblanc (Hinsdale, NH) topped the Mini Stocks; all on Monadnock’s fourth night of 2020 racing.

Rob Richardi and second-generation hot shoe Matt Kimball brought the thundering Mod Squad to the green, with Richardi leading by less than a wheel on the first two go-rounds and then setting a fast pace as Kimball and Brian Chapin went to war behind him.

Close behind them, Trevor Bleau, firing from row four, and Ben Byrne, from row six, were charging forward with four others. Byrne had almost passed Richardi when the caution waved on lap 21, and then completed the task a lap later. Bleau, on a rail, claimed the deuce as lap 28 went in the books, but could advance no further. Richardi held strong to hit the stripe third, just ahead of Kimball and Brian Robie.

Bleau’s fourth top-four of the young season deadlocked him with Robie atop



David Greenslit gets a victory in the Street Stock event.

Submitted photo

the points parade, while defending track champ Todd Patnode – third in points entering the night’s racing – got taken out in a lap-five jingle, finishing 21st on the night.

Dave Greenslit, the winner of the Battle of The Belt Series’ first event of the summer at Hudson, duplicated that run Friday. Firing from row two, the defending track Street Stock champ immediately took control, inching past Chris Buffone on lap one, and never looked back.

Buffone’s uncle, former Pro Stock ace Tommy O’Sullivan, got up for second on lap 18 but, on this night, it was Greenslit in a runaway, taking the checkers far ahead of O’Sullivan and Buffone, and ending the Curtis family’s three-week stranglehold on Street Stock victory lane.

Cam Curtis, then Justin Littlewood, led the Late Model Sportsmen over the stripe the first four go-rounds, with Aaron Fellows then inching under Littlewood, taking charge, and simply driving away. Littlewood was strong in second, and Robert Hagar came home third. Fellows has not lost a race at any track so far this year.

Tim LeBlanc, firing from row two, led every lap of the Mini Stock 25-lapper to score his first win of the season. Nathan Wenzel came from row four of the 17-car field to claim the deuce, with Andy Harman nudging past two-time winner Gordon Farnum to earn the three spot.

And in the Pure Stocks, Lady Luck dealt defending track champ Chris Davis a crap hand for the second week in a row. In charge with only two laps to go, Davis dropped suddenly off pace again, this time watching helplessly as Dave Aiken stormed past to score his second win of the summer.

Mike Douglas took the checkers just behind Aiken, with Brandon Lavoie, Kodi Sabins, and Nolan McClay rounding out the top five. Davis coasted to a disappointing tenth-place finish. In a post race inspection, Lavoie was disqualified.

Justin Harris took charge on lap 20 of the Northeast Classic Lites 30-lapper, then sped off to victory ahead of Joey Deguo. Cody Hodgdon earned the bronze, while defending four-time series champ Duane Skofield was a non-factor in this one.

Monadnock Speedway returns to action next Saturday, July 18, when the Mini Stock Battle of The Belt Series comes to town, along with a full card of weekly racing series events. Advanced Tickets and more information, please visit www.monadnockspeedway.com.

NHSRA MODIFIEDS: Ben Byrne, Trevor Bleau, Rob Richardi, Matt Kimball, Brian Robie, Stewart McCormick, Cameron Houle, Brian Chapin, Cory Plummer, Keith Carzello, Kim Rivet, Kevin Pittsinger, Eric Leclair, Zach Leone, Anthony Bello, Jerry Gomarlo, Solomon Brow, Brad Zahensky, Scott MacMichael, Jason Houle, Todd Patnode

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Racing to resume in Thompson

THOMPSON, Conn. – Econn Motorsports and Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park announced this week an agreement that will enable oval track racing to continue on the famed 5/8th mile at Thompson, CT. A tentative 2020 schedule has been developed with the first event being an open practice on Wednesday, July 8.

Plans currently call for Econn Motorsports to also host an open practice on Wednesday, August 5. Racing is set to resume with the Bud 150 on Wednesday August 19 and the Sunoco World Series on October 9-11. The NASCAR Whelen Modified Tour is expected to headline both race dates. The parties are exploring the possibility of additional race meets during 2020.

Econn Motorsports is a newly formed race promotion and consulting firm headed by Terry Eames, former General Manager of Thompson Speedway Motorsports Park. “The COVID-19 pandemic put oval track racing at Thompson in 2020 at risk. We are proud to announce that the Hoenig family and Econn have found a way for oval track racing to continue during the track’s 80th year and beyond”, Eames said.

Specific details of next week’s practice will be available over the next several days at EconnMotorsports.com. Tickets will only be available online and in advance in keeping with the policies set forth by the State of Connecticut designed to limit the spread of COVID-19.

Kolodziey family, which run the league, were looking to run a modified scheduled that would have carried the league to mid-August.

Like the Spec Pond league, the there were fewer teams, but they had all paid registrations and were preparing to participate before the news came down that soccer and basketball would be barred as part of the initial part of Phase 3.

According to the basic guidance in the governor’s re-open plan, practices and individual workouts in various sports were allowed to happen under Phase 2. Games and other contests were supposed to be able to start with Phase 3, but the original report did not make specifications of which sports would be allowed.

Baseball and softball are being allowed to play contests in Phase 3 and a couple of leagues did begin play last week.

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south shore, along Buzzards Bay. The Kittansett Club, founded in 1922 and designed by legendary golf course architect William Flynn, is a seaside links course surrounded on three sides by water that is often transformed by a stiff wind. When Kittansett hosted the Walker Cup in 1953, Dick Chapman, a top U.S. amateur who won the 1940 U.S. Amateur and 1951 British Amateur, referred to Kittansett as, “The hardest golf course I ever played.” What’s more, when the Mass Amateur was last played at Kittansett in 2008, the cutline was 11-over. Gil Hanse has restored many of the original mounds and has had numerous trees removed to return the seaside views. The course has also been rated as one of Golf Digest’s Top 100 Courses in America since 1971.

The Bay Club at Mattapoisett, located 10 miles west, was added in early June as a second site for stroke play, making it the second time in three years the Mass Amateur is being played at two different facilities. Founded in 2003, The Bay Club has a much shorter history, but it’s a scenic parkland course with 88% of the original forest preserved. Designed by PGA Professional Brad Faxon and designer Brad Booth, the course features pristine fairways and greens and British-style fescue that will swallow up poorly-executed shots.

Mass Golf’s competitive season officially began June 15, with three of the nine total qualifying rounds used to determine the 144-player Championship field. With first-tee starts only, half the field will start stroke play at The Kittansett Club, while the other half will compete at The Bay Club. They will switch the next day, and the top 32 will advance to match play.

Kittansett has hosted this event five times previously, first in 1958 and most recently in 2008. In the field are 12 previous champions, including defending champion Steve DiLisio (Salem CC), who recently finished his senior year at Duke University. John Hedges (Thorny Lea GC) last won this event when it was played at Kittansett and will have the chance to do so once again. Matt Parziale (Thorny Lea GC), the six-time Mass Golf Player of the Year, won the championship in 2017, while Mike Calef (Pine Oaks GC), the last person to win back-to-back (2012, 2013) is seeking a third title.

This year will also mark a record 34th Mass Amateur for Frank Vana Jr. (Marlborough CC), a Mass Golf Hall of Fame member who has won the championship twice (2004-05). He also holds the record with 26 match play appearances, last making it into the Round of 32 in 2017.

Steven Tasho (Thorny Lea) also won twice, taking home titles in 1981 and 1985. Patrick Frodigh (Dedham C & PC; 2018); Nick McLaughlin (Far Corner GC; 2015); Ryan Riley (Thorny Lea GC; 2011); Benjamin Spitz (George Wright GC; 2006); Brendan Hester (Pleasant Valley CC; 2001) round out the defending champions.

“We’ve been looking forward to watching the best amateur players in the state compete on the same stage with one another once again,” said Kevin Eldredge, Mass Golf’s Director of Rules & Competitions. “We have two great venues that will set the perfect stage for the return of championship golf in the Bay State. The staff at both The Kittansett Club and The Bay Club have done a wonderful job keeping their courses in pristine conditions and preparing their facilities to allow us to conduct a safe and enjoyable championship for all.”

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Upon the guidance, which was released last Monday, Litz was forced to cancel the entire season and refund fees back to teams which were prepared to come, wear masks when close together, and have little to no fans in attendance for much of the season.

The Pioneer Valley Summer Soccer League had not fully established its schedule, but was preparing to move forward with its league with six different divisions and more than 60 teams ready to get back into action.

The PVSSL services high school students who are looking to get back into shape and prepare for the upcoming high school season, which typically starts a couple of weeks after the PVSSL season ends. The PVSSL season typically runs from mid-June to early August, but the

Valley Wheel Baseball League folds 2020 season

By Gregory A. Scibelli
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REGION – The Valley Wheel Over-30 Baseball League became the second league in the last two weeks to close up shop for the 2020 season and was added to the host of other school-age and collegiate leagues that are not playing this summer.

The Valley Wheel, which recently was going to start its season in July after waiting more than two months to even be able to hold tryouts.

With the Quabbin Valley Over-30 Baseball League also called off and some players dropping out of Valley Wheel’s abbreviated season, there were plenty of open roster spots available and plenty of players to fill them.

The league held four tryouts on consecutive Sundays and was set to holds its draft last Tuesday when league commis-

sioner Jim Nason abruptly cancelled the season due to the new guidance distributed to amateur baseball leagues for Phase 3 of Gov. Baker’s re-opening plan.

Among the language was a requirement for batters and baserunners to wear masks or other face coverings.

The rule was meant to provide some protection in instances where there could be the potential for the minimal amount of contact that does occur in baseball, such as batters at the plate being in proximity to the catcher, or a baserunner being held on at first, second, or third by a nearby fielder.

The guidance also suggested dugouts be spaced out with players utilizing space near the dugout to stay socially distant, as well as using face coverings if that option was not available.

Baseball was among the sports to be allowed to begin games. Soccer, basketball, and lacrosse were forbidden to have

contests.

Following the governor’s guidance being distributed, Nason had league managers poll their players.

Nason said Tuesday morning enough players among the existing six teams had dropped out due to the requirements that there would not be enough players to hold the season, and cancelled the 2020 season just two days before it was set to begin.

Nason had been considering a 5 to 10 game slate, starting out with five games, and possibly expanding if the conditions in Massachusetts were favorable.

Now, the entire 15-game schedule is cancelled and league players will have to wait until 2021 to play. Also cancelled was a scheduled exhibition game for the league at the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y. that was scheduled for early September. It is not known if the game will be attempted next season.



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Docket No. HD20P1060EA
Estate of:
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Date of Death: 06/13/2020
CITATION ON PETITION
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ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Thomas E McMahon** of Westfield MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Thomas E McMahon** of Westfield MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

IMPORTANT NOTICE
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 07/31/2020.**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: July 03, 2020
Suzanne T. Seguin
Register of Probate
7/17/2020

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Hampden Division
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Estate of:
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Date of Death:
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PUBLICATION NOTICE**

To all persons interested in the above captioned estate, by Petition of Petitioner **Eileen M. Paquette** of Westfield, MA.

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7/17/2020

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Hampden Probate and Family Court
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(413)748-7758
Docket No. HD20P1002EA
Estate of:
James J. Jackowski, Jr.
Date of Death: 05/12/2020
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Probate of Will with Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Katherine M. Jackowski** of Holyoke MA requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Katherine M. Jackowski** of Holyoke MA be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the**

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WITNESS, Hon. **Barbara M Hyland**, First Justice of this Court.
Date: June 26, 2020
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**Commonwealth of Massachusetts
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Hampden Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. HD09P1469EA
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Also known as:
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Blanche Lajoie
Date of Death: 06/15/2009
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR ALLOWANCE OF
ACCOUNT**

To all interested persons:
A Petition has been filed

by: **Hyman G Darling of Springfield, MA** requesting allowance of the third account(s) as Trustee and any other relief as requested in the Petition.

You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on 07/31/2020.**

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Date: July 02, 2020
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Hampden Probate and Family Court
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Docket No. HD20P1090EA
Estate of:
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Date of Death: 03/07/1988
CITATION ON PETITION
FOR FORMAL
ADJUDICATION**

To all interested persons:
A Petition for **Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative** has been filed by **Karen M Murphy** of Venice FL requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested

in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Karen M Murphy** of Venice FL be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **With Personal Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

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You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 08/05/2020.**

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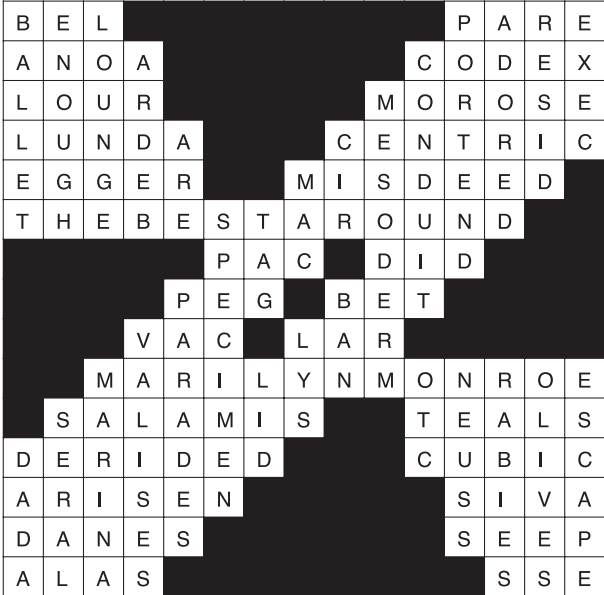
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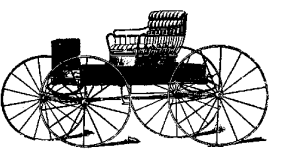
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“We want people to vote, it’s very important and we hope that this will encourage more people to vote,” Vega said. “Many people are concerned and cautious about going out in public and our worry is that not everyone will go out to vote, so we created another option.”

This bill will require the Secretary of State to conduct a public awareness campaign to notify and inform voters of the options available to vote in the upcoming elections. In addition to multiple ways of voting the bill addressed online portals for signing up for early voting.

To make the process as easy as possible for voters to apply for the general elections early voting, an online application portal will be created no later than October 1, 2020. These electronic applications are strictly for the early voting and will be available for the general election, and hopefully the primary election if possible. The early voting dates for the state primary are Saturday, Aug. 22, to Friday, Aug. 28. While early voting for the general election is scheduled for Tuesday, Oct. 17 to Friday, Oct. 30. Applications for early voting and absentee voting have to be received four business days before the election, meaning Wednesday, Aug. 26 for the primary and Wednesday, Oct. 28 for the general election.

The city will be making in-person voting more efficient and safer, by consolidating polling places with proper notice, and eliminating the check-out table at those locations. This will allow for less volunteer poll workers,

who are often times seniors, This bill also expands who is eligible to serve as a poll worker in efforts to elevate senior citizens, especially those who are uncomfortable or cautious going out during COVID-19. “Holyoke typically has eleven polling locations, the in-person voting will be at the regular voting locations,” Vega said. “Though locations can close or change within thirty days of each election, so if there is a change the public will be updated before they have to vote,”

This bill will further help the process of voting for clerks, as it provides several accommodations to make the logistics of processing votes easier. The legislation allows for tabulating ballots prior to election day, and it offers pre-addressed envelopes for voters applications to go directly to their clerk’s office. As for mail-in voting, ballots that are postmarked on or before November 3, will be counted until Friday, Nov. 6 at 5 p.m.

“Many State Reps are chosen during the primary, and more democrats are running this year,” Vega said. “I think because of this some people forget how important the primaries are, we wanted to extend the options voters have and encourage them to vote no matter what.”

The in person voting locations will have hand sanitizer and encourages people to wear masks while inside and voting. Residents will go to the appropriate location, check-in, cast their votes, drop them off in the counter, and then they will head out. Making the process one step shorter and less interaction between people stay safe. Vega expressed that he and fellow State Reps are using social media to spread the word and updates on ways to vote in the upcoming elections.

“I think people will know it’ll be different this year but it’s important to get the word out,” Vega said. “People are worried about a lot of things so we’re trying to utilize the traditional press as well to get the word out.”

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these rules?

At one point Gonsalves suggests making a temporary position for an official employee to stay at the field during league games to enforce a 100-person or so limit, and make sure people are wearing masks, staying six feet or more apart, and staying safe with on government property. This employee would be a government official and would therefore have the authority to decline people on government property when the field reaches its maximum. Without this person, people might flood the field, and possibly not follow the correct safety guidelines. If someone were to get sick due to visiting the field, the government would be responsible and that is a liability that will need to be covered. This was just a discussion and no vote or official stance was taken on this possible position.

The matter of little leagues was brought up, and this was also largely discussed. Aside from the attendee that would be needed to enforce public guidelines, many sanitary precautions will be needed. Such as sanitizing and disinfecting every shared piece of equipment after use, including bats, helmets, mitts, and anything else shared. This can pose problem in game play as many team members get used to using the same bat, so if one kid uses the bat there will need to be someone ready to grab that bat and complete disinfect it before the next batter is allowed to use it. The same goes for batting helmets, as most teams use the same few helmets while playing a game. This would slow down the game and make interruptions repeatedly.

This situation also posed the suggestion for creating a temporary position for someone to be ready to sanitize and disinfect each piece of equipment. Having kids wear plastic gloves inside their mitts was also discussed as a solution.

If no one was temporarily hired it would fall on the coach as another duty of his. Gonsalves expressed that he strongly discouraged opening recreational sports and leagues, as well as allowing outside leagues to use their fields. For the fact that the department and the government could get in trouble and face backlash if something were to happen on their fields. Having a monitored practice session was discussed as well.

This was an option as opposed to having a league, where kids would come to the field during a certain time to practice their skills. This way they can maintain and build on the skills during the summer, instead of possibly losing their skills by not doing anything similar to the league all summer. In addition, the various recreational basketball courts were discussed, and considered as the same situation for parks. No league involvement can happen on the courts, but recreational games are allowed. The safety of those playing is encouraged as well. Keeping hand sanitizer on the court, wearing a mask when able, and staying socially distant when able. Though there were no votes taken on these subjects, the Parks and Rec Department members felt it was important to speak with Gonsalves while he was available. Throughout the meeting Gonsalves gave his advice and opinions, and the Parks members thanked him for his input.

As things re-open the Parks Department members are taking careful steps to ensure the safety of visitors, they understand the weather is warming up and more people will visit parks, in addition many sports start in the Fall and kids need to be prepared, and consistently active. The Parks Department is more than willing to listen to advice of the Board of Health during these unprecedented times, making the opening parks safer. Quickly after Gonsalves logged off the meeting turned discussion adjourned.

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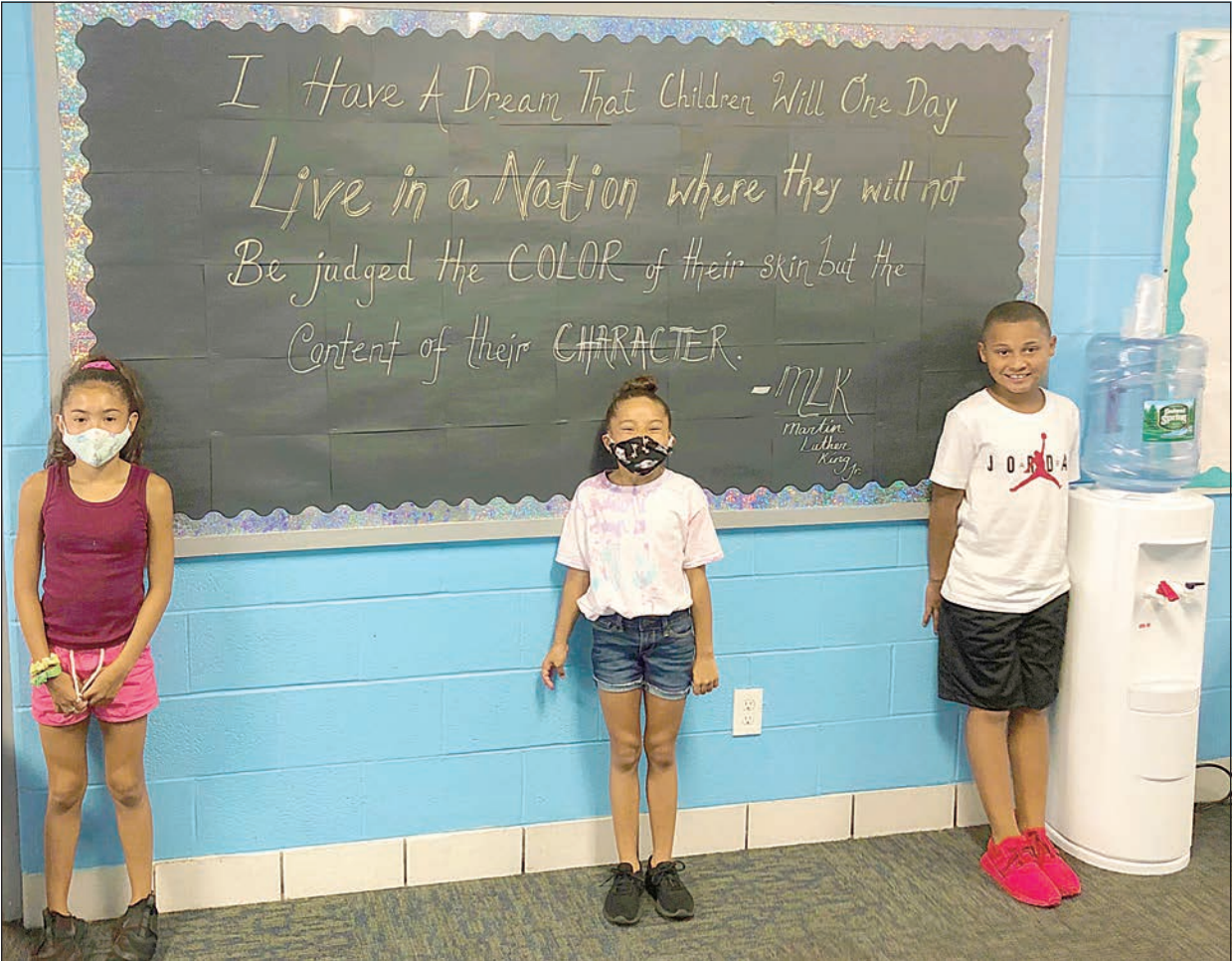
Boys & Girls Club opens up for summer camp

HOLYOKE – Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke is thrilled to announce the opening of our 2020 Summer Camp! The seven week in-person Summer Camp will operate from July 6 – August 21 and serve up to 75 youth a day. While there continues to be limitations on youth programs or social and recreational activities, Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke remains the bedrock for youth development in Holyoke.

Summer learning loss is a phenomenon where children can lose some of the skills they gained during the previous school year, particularly in the areas of math and reading. COVID-19 has drastically magnified this risk and the ripple effect is unknown. For kids enrolled in our Summer Camp, we will combat summer learning loss by focusing on one primary theme - diversity. With the topic of racism at the forefront of our country and Holyoke being a proud community of color, the Club will continue to create a platform to educate our children on inclusiveness, acceptance, and equality for all. All program activities will incorporate elements of diversity and additional activities will include project-based learning, targeted literacy support, STEM and coding, arts & crafts, daily challenges, sports and recreation, gardening, culinary, dance, non-contact boxing and much more.

Safety is the Club's top priority. To reassure parents and community members, the Boys & Girls Club of Greater Holyoke has trained their staff in best practices in CDC guidelines, Massachusetts Department of Early Education and Care requirements, and Holyoke Board of Health standards. Examples of our new health and safety policies include, but are not limited to the following: staggered arrival and drop-off times, screening and attestation parent processes, masks being worn by all staff and available to all youth, limited program room rotations and consistent group cohorts, rigid sanitation procedures, all program activities maintain social distancing standards, strict quarantine guidelines, and much more.

For further questions about summer camp, please contact Eileen at ecavanaugh@hbgc.org or call 413-534-7366 ext. 111.



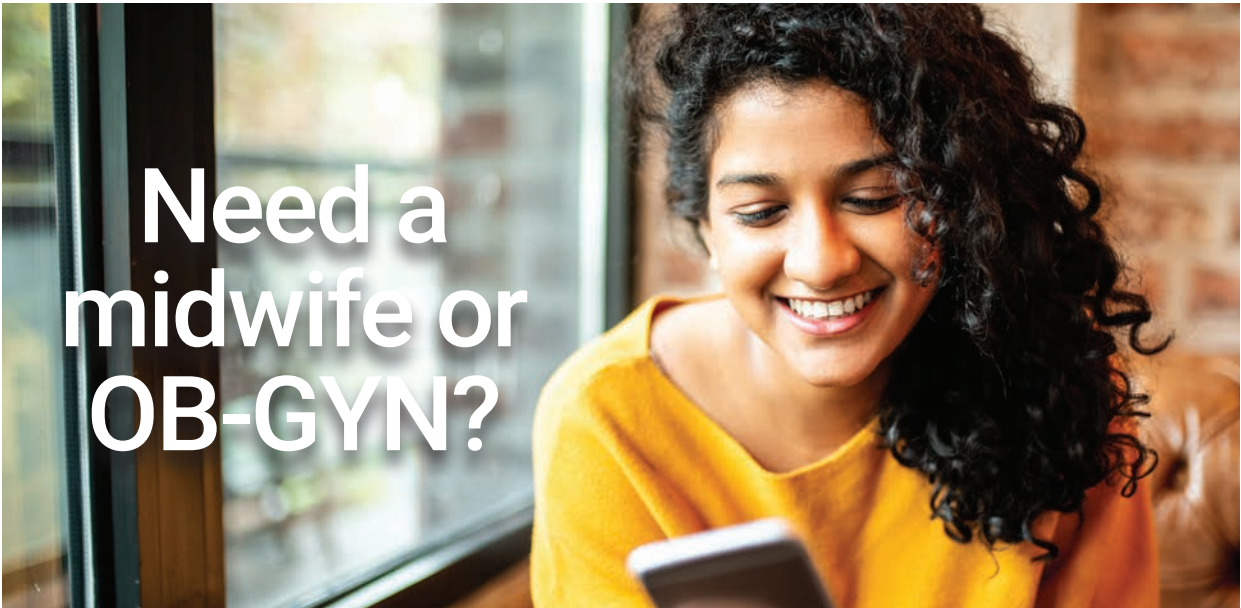
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Holyoke resident Dennis J. Lee recently took a walk on the Nature Trail at Mt. Tom, capturing some of the life up on the trail. Hiking and other solo activities have become prevalent during the times of social distancing.

Photos by Dennis J. Lee



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